

Lady Bingley

After a brief illness lasting only a few days, Lady Bingley, widow of Lord Bingley, died yesterday at Bramham Park, near Boston Spa. It was her 85th birthday.

She leaves four daughters—the Hon. Mrs. Marcia Agnes Mary Lane-Fox, wife of Lieut-Colonel Francis Lane-Fox; Lady Bridgeman, wife of the second Viscount Bridgeman; Lady Parkinson, wife of Sir Kenneth Parkinson; and the Hon. Mrs. Margaret Packe.

The late Lord Bingley died at Bramham Park in December, 1947, only four days short of his 77th birthday. With no sons, the title became extinct. The Lane-Fox line goes back four centuries through one of the most ancient stocks in Yorkshire to William Fox, who lived in the reign of Edward IV.

The husband of the eldest daughter, Marcia, assumed the name of Lane-Fox by deed poll in 1937.

VISIT LAST WEEK

Lady Bridgeman lives at Minsterley, Shropshire, but during last week visited her mother and her sisters at Bramham Park. Lady Parkinson lives at nearby Follifoot.

Although Lady Bingley retired from her official duties 10 years ago, she remained remarkably active. Even last Tuesday she was seen walking round the gardens of her beloved Bramham Park.

An outstanding horsewoman in her younger years, Lady Bingley often led the field with the Bramham Moor Hunt until well past her sixties. Throughout the crisis year of the First World War she kept the Hunt intact. The then Colonel George Richard Lane-Fox was MPH, but it was his wife who shouldered the responsibility, becoming accepted as Assistant Master.

Lady Bingley was the daughter of the second Viscount Halifax, and married Colonel Lane-Fox in 1903. Her brother, the late Lord Halifax, sold Temple Newsam mansion to the city of Leeds on very generous terms.

In 1934 Lady Bingley became a magistrate for the West Riding. Her unceasing efforts during the restless '30s to help the unemployed of the West Riding won her a vast new circle of friends. For several years she was president of the Barkston Ash Womens' Conservative Association and president of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Association's Womens' Advisory Committee (Yorkshire Provincial Area).

RESPECTED VIGOUR

During the war she served with respected vigour on the West Riding War Agricultural Executive Committee, and as chairman of the West Riding Womens' Land Army her views carried decided weight.

As Colonel Lane Fox, the late Lord Bingley, who was raised to the peerage in 1933, represented the Barkston Ash Division in Parliament from 1906 to 1931. When Mr. Bonar Law succeeded Mr. Lloyd George as Prime Minister in 1922 he appointed Colonel Lane Fox his Secretary for Mines, in which capacity he was head of an important department of the Board of Trade.

The funeral will be at All Saints', Bramham, on Thursday, at 11 a.m. At Lady Bingley's express wish, there should be no flowers.

FORMER LOCAL MINISTER DIES IN TASMANIA

MANY residents throughout the Tadcaster and Wetherby districts will learn with regret of the death in Tasmania of Canon Francis Wm. Hicks, who will be remembered as Vicar of Bramham from 1925 to 1939.

Keenly interested in the Scout movement Canon Hicks ran his own troop at Bramham and also served for five years as District Commissioner for the Wetherby Area Boy Scouts' Association. He played cricket with Bramham C.C. and was also interested in the Bramham Drama Players.

Canon Hicks was well liked and respected not only at Bramham but throughout the area and many folk were happy to see him again when he re-visited his former parish last autumn.

Fr Frank Mitchell, Vicar of Bramham, is to hold a requiem for Canon Hicks at All Saints' Church, on Saturday, February 6, at 7.30 a.m. with a memorial service the next day, Sunday, at 8.30 p.m.

Canon Hicks left Bramham to go to the living at Eglington, Northumberland, and in 1944 he went out to Malta to be Chancellor and Senior Canon of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Valletta.

Ordained at Ripon in 1909 he became curate at St. Aidan's, Leeds, for three years and then went out to Canada until 1915 when he became a chaplain with the Royal Navy. He returned to Canada until 1921 when he came back to England for four years as curate at Helmsley.

THE DUKE'S FRIEND

FRIENDS are predicting an early engagement between Janet Hamilton, 23-year-old daughter of Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, and Mr Richard Lane-Fox, son of Lieut-Colonel Francis Lane-Fox, of Bramham Park, near Tadcaster, Yorks.

"But," says Mr Lane-Fox's sister Marcia: "It is not meant to be known yet."

Miss Hamilton is a friend of the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra, who has often stayed at her parents' home near Guildford. She has been a member of the duke's skiing parties.

The duke is also known to Mr Lane-Fox who was in his house at Eton and has since served with the Royal Horse Guards.

He is a grandson of the late Lord Bingley. His father changed his name from Jackson to Lane-Fox to prevent the Bingley family name from dying out.

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You are also invited to be present at the Blessing of the Vicarage on SUNDAY 11th September by the Lord Bishop of Selby, who will preach at Evensong (6.30.P.M.), and Bless the Vicarage afterwards.

No reply necessary.

The Vicarage,
Bramham,
Boston Spa.